

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A textile treatment agent having at least a first textile-treating fraction and at least one other fraction, the first textile treating fraction further comprising:

nanoparticles having a size range of from about 5 nm to about 100 nm which are inorganically surface modified by oxides, hydroxides, salts, a member of the group consisting of aluminum chloride, aluminum oxide chloride, titanium, titanium oxide sulfate, zirconium oxide, zirconium oxide chloride and combinations thereof and designed to form an inorganic structure on the textile.

2. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction is present in an amount which is sufficient for building a layer having a thickness of about 10 nm to about 1 μ m.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 4, characterized in that said nanoparticles are surface-modified.

6. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 5, characterized in that the surface modification agent is present in an amount of between about 0.1% to 50% based on the nanoparticle mass.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to claim [[7]] 1,

characterized in that nanoparticles having surfaces modified by Lewis acids are provided.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Withdrawn) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction comprises nanoparticles having an organic surface modification.

12. (Withdrawn) The textile treatment agent according to claim 11, characterized in that substances selected from the group of betains and silanes, are provided for organic surface modification.

13. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that cationic nanoparticles are provided in said first fraction.

14. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one component which forms nanostructures under application conditions is contained in said first textile-treating fraction.

15. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 14, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction includes hydrolyzing salts as said components forming nanostructures.

16. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that a softener is provided as a second fraction.

17. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, characterized in that additional components are selected from the group consisting of detergents curing agents and perfumes.

18. (Previously Presented) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1 for the treatment of a wool, cotton, silk, synthetic fiber or mixed fabric textile.

19. (Previously Presented) A soft rinser according to claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction is provided in an amount of from 0.5 to 20%.

20. (Withdrawn/Previously Amended) A method for treating textiles characterized in that a textile is washed with a treatment agent according to claim 1, soft-rinsed and dried and/or ironed.

21. (New) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, wherein the nanoparticles are inorganically surface modified by at least one of aluminum chloride and aluminum oxide chloride and by a member of the group consisting of titanium, titanium oxide sulfate, zirconium oxide, zirconium oxide chloride, and combinations thereof.

22. (New) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, wherein the nanoparticles are inorganically surface modified by a member of the group consisting of titanium, titanium oxide sulfate, and combinations thereof.

23. (New) The textile treatment agent according to claim 1, wherein the nanoparticles are inorganically surface modified by a member of the group consisting of zirconium oxide, zirconium oxide chloride, and combinations thereof.